IS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Church of the future in this country is dependent upon the rising generation. As the mind and heart of a child are trained and developed so shall they be when he has reached the age of maturity. This may be put down as a general rule. If a child's mind has been trained to reason in religious matters, he shall not fear the assuits of infideity, neither shall he feel ashamed when indifference and ridiculated the shall he feel ashamed when indifference and ridiculated attack his faith through the columns of the daily journals. That child now grown unline daily journals. That child now grown unline manhood or womanhood, as the case may be, will glory in the thought that an answip to bear against God or Church. The young man will feel proud of his fature to the control of the columns of the columns of the column of th

Master for all that wonderful array of things, and all for his comfort and delight.

Every question or answer in the catechism needs explanation and illustration in some manner, shape or form, and it is the sole duty of the Sunday school teacher, be he priest, religious or layman, to supply that want of information on a subject so grand, so divine. And yet, sad to say, we find so many incompetent teachers in our Sunday school classes from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the great Lakes to the Guif of Mexico. What is the cause! Want of training. We train teachers for our Separate and Public schools, but precious little do we seem to thint of getting well-trained teachers for our Sunday schools, but it is the saddest of all mistakes for any clergy.

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The sunday school class. Ask the pupils of your Sunday school class where the len commandments are to be found. They know them perfectly by heart—they know also that they were given by God to Moses on Mount Sinat. But the Gid or New Testament! In what part of the Bibble! Name the book—give the chapter where those ten commandments are found—how many can answer that question! Where is Mount Sinsata! is in America, Africa, Asia or in what other part of the world? How many can answer? Where are the Beatitudes to be found! In what part of the Bible! Name gospel and chapter. What about the place where Christ delivered this sublime discourse! Where is Betthlehem! Where is Nazareth! Where is Galvary? Where is Jorusalem! What about all those seared places which children repeat so often from their Sunday school books! They are taught to say that God is minite in all His perfections. But do they really understand what this term "infinite" means! What is a mystery! The answer is to be found in the catechism. But does our catechism il lustrate by means of examples the mysteries in nature, mysteries at our very door! Some writers may say let children think for them selves. But this is exactly the point I contend, that unless children are trateed both to think, and make use of God? works in nature to lead the hope of the intelligence which is "truth," they will never, in all the indeed whether they do so or in inceligious matters. All nature is anopan box, but the mind of man must be the complex of the intelligence which is "truth," they are more than the complex of the contend to the complex of the contend to see in the bee-hive, in the ant-hill, in the crop of water, in the cloud, in the stars of heaven the imprint of God's power and wisdom. Let us endeavor to draw all our illustrations from the wondrous world we inhabit, and then only can we expect children to take intended to see in the bee-hive, in the ant-hill, of when only can we expect children to take intended to the land. But, I do not fear to say that I am firmly convinced that we are woefully behind the times in the systematic teaching of our Sunday school classes. Many Sunday school teacher or to any one else in the land. But, I do not fear to say that I am firmly convinced that we are woefully behind the times in the systematic teaching of our Sunday school classes. Many Sunday school teachers and the children under their spring of the h

tion? I believe this will be the great task for the future welfare of the Church in every land. Would it not be also a grand idea for every Catholic diocese to hold its own Sunday school teachers' convention? The result of such a meeting every year would at least arouse interest in the drooping faith of many hearts. St. Paul writes: "Know ye how to give a reason of the faith that is in you." The world looks on and awaits an answer from each advery one of us. The flood-tide of infidelity (especially so in the United States) is ready to swallow up our children. What say we about it?

L. P. Desmarais.

Missionary Rector.

Jacksonville, Oregon, U. S. A., Feb. 22, 1899.

BUTLER'S CATECHISM.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD : Sir-Having been invited by a dear colleg-riend, Father Foley, of Farretton, to take par in the discussion now proceeding in your col mass upon the subject of Butler's Catechism have written him a letter, from which, will our permission, I will make the following ex-rects.

I have written him a letter, from which, with your permission, I will make the following extracts:
"With much that you and the other writers say I agree very heartily; with much I disagree. Ithink Butler's Catechism, full of defects as it is, a far better one than Le Petit Catechisme de Quebec, which it is also my duty to teach, and which is a very good introduction to a first year theolog?. I would warmly recommend it for students in their last year of philosophy—and likewise far better than the Baltimore May acquaintance with. The Baltimore makes each answer a complete statement—and this is a very important improvement; but I challenge you to show me anything more difficult to a child in the pages of Butler than Lesson 12 in the Baltimore No. 2. And I think both the Quebec and the Baltimore have made a miske that is little less than fatal in leaving out the quotations from Scripture. You refer to them very contemptuously, and yet I think they are one of the very best things ever introduced into a catechism. and I know what a splendid armory they have formed for Catholics in controversy with Protestants. Of course I know Butler refers to Scripture in almost every answer, and sometimes it would be difficult to trace the connection; but what I am praising him for is his citations, in italies, of the exact words of Scripture, such as: 'He that will not hear the Church let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican;' 'Asyau would that men should do to you do you do you also to them in

him for is his citations, in italics, of the exact howords of Scripture, such as: "He that will not hear the Church let him be to the as the heathen and the publican;" Asyou would that men should do to you do you also to them in like manner; "Love your enemics of them in heathen and the publican;" Asyou would that men should do to you do you also to them in like manner;" Love your enemics of curse you. And the public will have been and the public will have been and the public will have forgothen that Buller's pages are dotted with such quotations as those when you myou for we alk now the uselessness of Builer's scriptural references." For my part, give me Builer, with all its improvements, yet leaving these quotations out. That the Quebec should have omitted them does not surprise me so much, for its authors do not believe in fitting Catholics for controvers—and I think woone time agreed that this was one of the reasons why so more should have made so egregious a blunder astonishesme.

"Moreover, though I am with you for a revision and re-editing of Builer, making each answer a complete statement, simplifying words, onititing some things such as that the same and the printed ages that the words, on the printed ages that you words, on the printed ages that you words, on things such as that the same as that the words are the words will be of great service by be. Now this, as it the each to me, is an impossibility. The teacher who will simply read the printed question and insist on getting the printed answer is just a very little better than no teacher at all; and, so far as my experience goes, this is a description of three out of every five catechism teachers, outside of priests and nuns. They simply dry the children into knowing a some and the printed answer is just a very little better than no teacher at all; and, so far as my experience goes, this is a description of three out of every five catechism teachers, outside of priests and nuns. They simply dry the children in the substitute of the printed and the p

that grand old parish priest, Father Pallier, O. M. L., until lately pastor of St. Joseph's, at Ottawa.

Criticize Butler's Catechism, gentlemen, as freely as you please, but at the same time give it fair play. I don't think the Baltimore has, on the whole, improved upon it. But I do think that a graded series lately published by the Monitor Publishing Co., of San Francisco, has improved very much on the Baltimore. I have sent two numbers of the series to Father Feley, and am anxious to know his opinion of them. At the same time I think such a series is practicable only for parochial schools or for prosperous parishes in which a fund can be raised for supplying the books to poor children. For the rest of us, a good revision of Butler would be the most desirable thing. And, though it may be presumptuous in me, I would venture to name a committee of six priests whom I know personally and from their writings to be thoroughly competent for the task of such revision: — Dr. McDonald, of Antigonish; Dr. Flannery, of Windsor. The theological learning, the pastoral experience, the skull in teaching and in writing of those six gentlemen would, if they could be persuaded to uncertake the task, make Butler's the best Catechism in the English language.

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LADIES' AUXILIARY, OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Feb. 27, 1899.

At a special meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, of St. Patrick's Asylum, held on Monday, the 27th inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Mrs. J. C. Enright, seconded by Mrs. O'Reilly, that the Ladies' Auxiliary beg to tender to Mrs. E. A. Mara, our worthy secretary, their heartfelt sympathy and condoince in the demise of her husband, and humbly pray God to console her in her beteavement. That the secretary to be instructed to forward a copy to Mrs. Mara, and to the Press.

N. T. McEvoy, Acting Sec.

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O Mother of God! if I blace my confidence in thee, I shall be saved; if I am under thy protection, I have nothing to fear: for the fact of being thy client is the possession of a certainty of salvation which God grants only to those He means to save.—St John Damascene.

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA

The parish Mass in St. Mary's, Bayswater, on funday of last week was celebrated by one of the Fathers from the Capuchin Monastery, and ne cloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. ather Cole, the rector of the parish. Collections were made in the Basilica and in their churches in the diocese on Sunday, for the missions to the half-breeds and Indians of the North-West, of which Rev. Father Lacombe s the superior.

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Rev. Mother St. John of God, nee Maria Egmond, of the convent of Our Lady of Charlity (Good Shepherd), died on Saturday, and was interred on Monday of last week. His Grace sang a Mass of Kequiem, assisted by Iev. Canon Campeau and Father Bisson:

On Tuesday and Wednesday of ast week the clerky of the Basilica parish were engaged hearing the confessions of the children of the parish for their Easter duty.

On the First Friday, a general Communion by the young women of the parish of Our Lady Immaculate, took promen commenced at the Capture of the Cap

on Sunday, on his removal to Portsmouth, near Kingston.
Total Abstinence Societies are being formed in St. Mary's parish by those who signed the pledge during the mission recently preached there by Rev. Fathers McPhail and Scanlan. C. SS. R. It is proposed to have one for the old and one for the young men of the parish. The programme for St. Patrick's night Concert is published and offers an excellent musical treat, including an Irish piper.
The "Forty Hours" devotion took place in Araprior last week.
A paper on "Cuba and the Cubans," prepared by Rev. Father Alexis of the Capuchin Monastery, who had spent tour years in that Island, was read at the meeting of L'Institute Canadien, on Thursday night of last week.
Rev. Dr. Constantineau, O. M. I., and Rev. Father Murphy, O. M. L. of the University, are preaching a Mission at Almonte.

AN "AT HOME."

A very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent inglioucester street Convent, Ottawa. Monday, February 27th. The members of the Saint Ceclia Literary Society held their bimonthly meetings, in the convent music Hall.

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The following are the names of the officers and members:
President, Miss A. Malloch:
Vice-President, Miss B. Christin;
Secretary, Miss M. Neville;
Treasurer, Miss M. Lewis;
Committee: Misses B. Ryley, L. Street, G. Courtney, K. Hennessy, M. Stuart, A. Jackson.

son.
Members: Misses B. Merchant, I. Oglivie, С.
Mackay, Е. Mackay, F. McDonald, G. Powell,
Q. Ouimet, Florence McLaughin, С. Duvai, M.
Malloch, L. Anderson, W. Gormulley, H. Cut-lee, R. Knight, Mary Molloy, K. Rioux, B.
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The audience consisted of the teachers and pupils of the various departments. Each young lady acquitted herself of the roll assigned her in a very feicitous manner.

The entertainment opened by a piano sola—"Dance of the Water Nymphs," very artistically executed by Miss K. Hennessy. Then foliowed the Roll Call, to which each member responded by poetical selections from "Dryden," principally his "Ode to St. Cecilias Day." An essay on the "Life of St. Cecilia," was read by Miss M. Stuart, who did ample justice to her subject. The class then sang a hymn in honor of the Saint. Miss A. Jackson recited in a very feeling manner "The Burning Snip," and Miss L. Street impressed very forcibly on the

Miss M. Stuart. who did ample justice to he subject. The class then sang a hymn in honor of the Saint. Miss A. Jackson recited in a verietieling manner "The Burning Ship," and Miss L. Street impressed very forcibly on the minds of her hearers the truth of Herrick's quotation, the motto of the society:

"If little labor, little are our gains Man's fortunes are according to his pains."

A very pretty little piece was recited in French by Miss K. Hennessy, and the Misses M. Neville and A. Jackson delighted the audience by the mindoin duett, "Amorita Waltz."

Miss M. Lewis read a very beautiful description of "A Diamond," and they enjoyed their ittle trip to the mines of this "precious gem," Miss Q. Ouimet gave a very pretty recitation. Bernardo del Carpio," and Miss E. Mackay read an essay on "Music," both of which were loudly applauded.

A grand class chorus, brought to a close a very interesting programme, which shall form a bright page in the annals of St. Cecilia's Literary Society.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

His Lordship Bishop Dowling has sent the

To the Rev. Clergy of the Diocese of Hamilton Fo the Rev. Clergy of the Diocese of Hamilton: Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers:—It is customary for Bishops at the beginning of the holy season of Lent, on which we have now entered, to remind the faithful committed to their spiritual care, not only of the duty of meditation on the sufferings of our Lord and of the necessity of imitating His example of fasting and prayer and self denial, but also of the special obligation of the performance of good works in His name, for our own sanctification special obligation of the performance or good works in His name, for our own sanctification and for the edification of our neighbors. Our Lord in the 5th Chapter of St. Matthew says: "So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." For reasons already explained, on account of the epidemic now happily passing away, the obligation of fast and abstinence has been made, during the present Lent, much less rigorous than in former years. On this account, it is only reasonable to expect that we should all—Bishop, priests and people—manifest our gratitude to Almighty God, the Author of all blessings, by being more than usually generous in reasonable to expect that we should all—Bishop, priests and people—manifest our gratiude to Almightly God, the Author of all blessings, by being more than usually generous in alms.giving and the performance of good works. The Church at this season most appropriately addresses her children in the words of holy tobias to his son: "Give alms out of the substance and turn not away thy face from any poor person, for so it shall come to bass, that the face of the Lord shall not be turned from thee," "If thou have much, give abundantly: if thou have little, take care, even so, to bestow willingly a little, for thus thou storest up to thyself a good reward for the day of necessity, for alms deliver from all sin and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness? (Tobias, vi. Chap. 4th Verse): "Prayer is good with fasting and alms, more than to lay up treasures of gold; for alms deliverer from death, and the same is that which purgeth away sins and maketh to find mercy and life everlasting," And St. James, the Apostle (Chap. ii), says: "What shall it profit, where the substant of the same is that which purgeth away sins and maketh to find mercy and life everlasting," And St. James, the Apostle (Chap. ii), says: "What shall it profit, where the substant of the same profit is dead, so also faith without works is dead," Among the many good works that may be recommended at this hyly season there is one to which I desire to draw particular attention, and which, it seems to me, has been too long neglecter—that of erecting suitable memoria monuments to the memory of the three deceased Bishops of the diocese of Hamilton, When kneeling at their graves of my immediate predecessor, Bishop Crimon, and in the Dominican Church at Limerick, which I also visited to pray at the grave of my immediate predecessor, Bishop Crimon, and in the Dominican Church at Limerick, which I also visited to pray at the grave of my immediate predecessor, Bishop Carberry, its emend to me a reproach, not only to myself but to the priest and p cessor, Bishop Carberry, it seemed to me a reproach, not only to myself but to the priests and people who knew and loved them, that so far no monument had been erected in Hamilton to bonor and perpetuate their memories. Our first duty, of course, is to pray for the souls of our departed prelates, as directed by the Holy Ghost, "Remember your prelates," a duty which I certainly never forget, as it has been my custom since the day of their death to make a special memento for each of them very morning at the Holy Sacrifice; a custom which, please God, I Intend to continue as long as I live, in the hope that in death, as well as in life. I may also have a share in the prayer of my good priests and people, as well as of this a sense of honor for their dignity and of gratitude for their labors and services, as well as of respect for their bodies, which have been "the tenniles of the Holy Ghost," and which, in a glorified form, shall be reunited to their souls in heaven — all these considerations should inspire us to place over their lonely but consecrated graves some enduring monuments as visible proofs of our gratitude and affection. For this purpose to erect, in the first place, three suitable marble tablets to the memory of Reverend Hugh Kelly, who lies buried beside the bodies of Bishops, and one to the memory of Reverend Hugh Kelly, who lies buried beside the bodies of Bishops Farrelland Crimon, under the western transept of St. Mary's cathedral. Furthermore, after consultation with most of the sould are an after seasifice and depth of silent affection memory of Reverend Hugh Kelly, who lies buried beside the bodies of Bishops Farrelland Crimon, under the western transept of St. Mary's cathedral. Furthermore, after consultation with most of the sould be added and encouraged me in the good work, I have ordered four very beautiful and artistic stained-glass windows from Munich, in Bavaria: three in memory of the three deceased prelates, and one to the diocese, who have generoasly alded and enion the proper states

tion, to be placed in the Cathedral, and to be ready to be unveiled and blessed on the first Sunday of May next, when, if it shall please God to preserve me, I will have the honor and privilege of celebrating the twofith anniversary of my consecration and the tenth of my installation as Bishop of Hamilton. These monuments will cost a most three thousand dollars.

In thanksgiving for graces received during those years (unworthy as I am), I propose to donate two stained glass windows in honor of the Blessed Virgin, in whose church and under whose patronage I was ordained priest and consecrated bishop; which windows will serve also as solvenirs of my dear father and nother, but the consecrated bishop; which windows will serve also as solvenirs of my dear father and nother, but the consecrated bishop in the windows will serve also as solvenirs of my dear father and nother, as priest, and to each and all of whom I as of the mean of the proposed memorial monuments to be erected their memory, as well as \$10 towards a tablet in remembrance of my old conferee. Father their proposed memorial monuments to be erected the grave of the late lamented Bishop Carberry.

special collection be taken on Sinday, the Jainat, and if necessary, on the Sunday following, at the doors of all the churches of the diocese, on which occasion the names of the donors will be taken, and the list of names as well as the offerings forwarded without delay to the Chancellor.

The donations of the Clergy may be sent to me personally or to the Chancellor not later than the middle of April.

This circular shall be read at Mass in all the churches of the diocese on the first Sunday after its reception.

I most humbly recommend myself to the prayers of my priests and people.

May God bless you all.

Your faithful servant in Christ,
I Thomas Joseph Dowling.

Hamilton, March 3rd, 1899.

J. P. Holden,
Secretary.

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His Grace Archbishop Gauthier, of Kingston; His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborouch; His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of London; and Very Rev. Dr. Teefy, of St. Michael's college, Toronto, were the guests of Bishop Dowling on New Stations of the Cross were erected and blessed at St. Mary's church, Brantford, on Friday last by Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay of St.

Hamilton.
At St. Mary's hall on Tuesday, the feast of St.
Thomas, the Bishop's patron saint, His Lordship distributed the rewards of merit to the
pupils of the Separate school who were successful in the different examinations.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN MASTERSON, ALUWICK. On Thursday, the 23rd of February, Bridget beloved wife of Mr. John Masterson of the ownship of Aluwick, and parish of Burnley, assed over to the great majority. She wattacked by la grippe, which seemed to affect liferent organs of the body, culuminating in least failure.

deceased lady was the third daughter of

sided in Aluwick. She was the mother of six sons and four daughters, all but one daughter surviving her.

Vigorous and energetic, patient and cheerful, devoted to her husband and family, a model house-keeper, ruling her family rather by love than by fear, a home-keeping woman but her cheerful disposition making her a social favorite when on rare occasions she laid by her family cares, hospitable to her guests, and her kindly ways and sweet voice at once capturing the hearts of the young and innocent, her tongue was heard only in charity, and never in uncnaritable comment on her neighbors; like the bee to the honey, her soul sought and found only the good in others. She was a woman made to love and be loved. Born of Irish parents, and brought up in the old faith, she lived a client of Mary, an associate of the Sacred Heart, League, and died, strengthened with the consolations of our holy religion, after a painful illness of three weeks, borne with Christian fortitude. All that medical skill and careful nursing could do was of no avail.

The high esteem in which the deceased lay and her respected husband is held, was evinced by the large numbers of all creeds who attended the funeral, not only from Burnley and Warkworth, but from Gratton, Cobourg, Hastings, and Campbelliofod. The body was taken to the parish church, Burnley, where Mass was celebrated by Rev. T. O'Connell and thence to

warkworth, but from Grafton, Cobourg, Hast-ings, and Campbellford. The body was taken to the parish church, Burnley, where Mass was celebrated by Rev. T. O'Connell and thence to Warkworth cemetery. The sympathy of all who know them, goes out to the afflicted husband and family in their great sorrow

reat sorrow.
Requiescat in pace!

A. J. M. McHugh, Calgary. Among the many of earth's blossoms chosen for Paradise since the dawning of 1829, one of the number was Arthur Joseph Mary McHugh, who, having suffered from a severe illness of seven weeks, breathed forth his pure young spirit into the hands of angels at 1945 Friday n m. Jan. 29. at his parents' residence. Angus

pm. Jan. 20, at his parents' residence, Angus avenue, Caigary, N. W. T. The deceased was the fifth son of Mr. Felix McHugh of this city, and grandson of the late John O'Doberty, Esq., of Gloucester, Ont. Little Arthur was endowed with a singular beauty and intelligence, possessing a sweetness and amiability of maner which endeared him to his fond parents and relatives, who mourn that their beloved child was called away from their midst at the early age of five years. The remains of the dear little one were consigned to their tiny grave, side by side with an angel brother, in St. Mary's cemetery, Caigary, at 2 p. m., Monday, Jan. 23.

Miss Margaret Stapleton, Petrolea, Ont'
What the past six weeks had predicted.
came to pass on Tuesday last, 28th ult., and
Maggie, the loved daughter of Mrs, John
Stapleton, Petrolea, submissively bowed to the
Master's cail. Purified by sacramental penance, fortified by Holy Viaticum, and aided by
the Church's last luxuries, Sacrad Unction and
Plenary Indulgence, this deserving soul bade
temporal farewell to those to whom earth had
dearly bound her. During those days and
weeks of tilness her bedside gave a halo of edification and her butient sufferings a lasting
example to the many anxious visitors. Her
chapel-like room, with its surroundings, suggesting devotion, and the ever attentive little
household group keeping the restless day and
night watch in unceasing prayer, presented
an aspect such as the world rarely gives.
From beneath that untold agony of days of
pain and suffering there readily flashed a smile
of sweet composure at the frequent presence of
Holy Viaticum—this was the hope and dying
support of this young devout Catholic. Typified in the life of her zealous mother and her
late father, Mr. John Stapleton, whose memory still lives in the hearts of the struggling
faithful of Petrolea mission, this patient sufferer has left an imperishable souvenir of inherited Christian forbearance to the young
life of this parish. On Thursday morning the
largely attended funeral proceeded to St.
Philip's church, where Requiem Mass was
chanated by Rev. Father Stapleton, consin of
the deceased, assisted by the pastor. Father
Graun, Afrer the Mass the procession led to
Corunna, and there in the little cemetery under
the very snadow of the church, Maggie was
laid to sleep her last long sleep by the side of
her father's grave. R. I. P.

Mrs. Eliza Simmert, Cayuca. MISS MARGARET STAPLETON, PETROLEA, ONT

THE POPE'S ILLNESS.

"Blacksmith," a literary contributor to the Guelph Mercury, wrote an article for that paper, which appeared on the 4th inst, having reference to the illness of Leo. XIII. and Rudyard Kipling. We have much pleasure in re-producing the graceful tribute paid to the

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"Two men—opposite as the Poles in temperament, students in opposing Schools of Thought, but alike in the hold each has on the hearts of men—have been permitted to stand, during the last few days, within the shadows that separate life and death. Each has, in the goodness of Providence, been permitted to return to the pathway of duty and the sunshine of life. One is a very old man, whose span of life must, in the ordinary course of things, be nearing its close. The other has hardly reached the half-way house that lies between youth and middle-age. The individuality of the former is marked by a rare sweetness of disposition and a will of adamant. He is a scholar of the widest cradition; he displays the most perfect manners; he is one who has stood as the Ambassador of Heaven in the court of an earthly King; pale and self-denying to the hither verge of asceticism, a leader of men and one in whose presence irreverence is silent and before whose life self-indulgence stands abashed.

"All classes in the community, no matter what creed they adhere to, will rejoice unfeignedly that the life of the Sovereign Pontifi has been spared to further usefulness. His death, at the present critical juncture of European affairs would be fraught with imminent danger to the continued peace of Europe. Noting could exceed the charm of his personal presence. Never was there a human face that expressed greater refinement and the impress of a saintly life than his, Only those who have met him face to face can understand that fascination of manner which has woo over bitter opponents to the soid of the Ancient Church. Leo XIII. is one in whom the intellectual is only surpassed by the spiritual essence. Noble by birth, noble by nature, with the estimable blessing of a godly mother, the sainted Countess Anne Pecci, his whole life, whilst in his charge at Benevento. as Papal Nuncio at the court of Leopold, as Bishop of Perugia, as Cardinal, as

A. O. H.

Resolution of Condolence. At the regular meeting of Division No. 3, Ancient Order of Hibernians, it was moved, and seconded, and carried unanimously, that a esolution of condolence be tendered Brother Francis Lyons, a member of Division No. 3, on he death of his father:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call not Himself the father of our esteemed Brother Francis Lyons.

into Himself the raunt of Brother Francis Lyons, Resolved that we tender to Brother Francis Lyons our sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement. M. J. Madden, Sec.

THE LAST SAD RITES. Impressive Funeral Service at St. Pat-

Quebec Telegraph, Feby. 28.

Yesterday morning, at 9 o'clock, the remains of the late lamented Mr. David Nolan were brought from St. Bridget's, where he died at an early hour on Saturday last. Three of the Rev. Fathers of St. Patrick's Church officiated at the solenn Mass of Requiem, the musical part of the service being rendered with impressive effect. An unusually large number of parishioners and fellow members of societies to which Mr. Nolan belonged were present to testify their respect for his memory.

It could hardly be otherwise, for Mr. Nolan has been a resident of Quebec for more than half a century, and a faithful communicant of St. Patrick's congregation, taking a deep interest in everything that affected the welfare of his co-religionists and Irish fellow countrymen. He had the spirit of charity as well as that of patriotism, and gave his hearty support to the cause of his native country, showing his zeal by becoming one of the founders of the Irish National League in 1890. In works of charity, however, Mr. Nolan aiways appeared at his best. He has been president of St. Annis

men. He had the spirit of charity as well as that of patriotism, and gave his hearty support to the cause of his native country, showing his zeal by becoming one of the founders of the Irish National League in 1880. In works of charity, however, Mr. Nolan always appeared at his best. He has been president of St. Ann's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul for the last iffteen years, and was zealous in the good work until weakness and disease put an end to his energies. His genial presence will be sorely missed at the annual sports of the Society. In all matters concerning the welfare of St. Bridget's Asylum he was also an earnest worker, never tiring whenever he could render a service to that deserving institution, and in recognition of his many good acts the holy nuns in charge of St. Bridget's were present, with the orphan children, in church to assist at the last solemn ribes and to offer fervent prayers for the departed.

Patrick and Michael Nolan, brothers of the deceased, with other relatives, were the chief mourners, being immediately followed by a large body of friends and sympanitzers.

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DISEASE OF THE SPINE. Malady that makes Life Almost Un

bearable—A Nova Scotia Lady Tells How to Cure it.

How to Cure it.

Mrs. Frank Minard, of Milton, N. S., is a lady who possesses the confidence of a large circle of friends. Mrs. Minard has been a surferer from spinal disease and attendant complications, and to a reporter she recently gave the particulars of hercure. She said:—'As are suit of the trouble I suffered terribly. Attimes the pain would be confined to my back, and at other times it seemed to affect every nerve in my body, from the top of my head to my toes. As a result I was reduced greatly in strength, and was unable to stand upon my feet long enough to attend to my household work. When doing any kinel of work which required a standing position I had to provide myself with a high charter as a means of support. The medicine which the dector excepted me did not exclude the dector serviced me did not seen the dector serviced me doing to stimulate the dector was gradually growing weaker and weaker. Finally the doctors suggested that I should use Dr. Williams Pink Pils, and acting on his advice began to take them. I had oney used a few boxes when the sagony I had suffered for months began to abate, and I began to regain my strength. I continued using the pils for a short time longer, and was axain in full possession of my health and strength, and able to do my household work. I have need poyed better health than I am doing at present.

Dr. Williams Pink Pils ure because they supply the blood with its life giving properties and strengthen weak nerves. All diseases due to either of these causes are speedily cured by the use of this medicine. Sold by all dealers or sent by mail, poss paid, at \$50. a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

THE LATE TERENCE SMITH

Chapeau, P. Q., Feb. 28, 1899. At a joint meeting composed of school com-missioners, directors of agricultural society No. 2, Allumette Island, also mayor and council-lors of Chapeau village, Allumette Island, held a meeting in the town hall, Chapeau village, Saturday, Feb 25, 1890, and the following reso-lution, was unanimously bassed:

es; That the corporation of the above-mentioned

partments.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Catholic Record, London, Ont., and to ach of the surviving members of the fa

MARKET REPORTS

LONDON.

Sprinc, \$1.15; bats, 93 to 95c; peas, 85 to \$1.0; sprinc, \$1.15; bats, 93 to 95c; peas, 85 to \$1.0; barley, 85 to \$1.0; cern, 75 to 89c; buckwheat, 99c to \$1.00; beans, 75 to 99c.

Dairy Produce—Eggs, fresh laid, dozen, 18 to 20c; eggs, basket lot, 16 to 17c; eggs, packed, 14 to 16c; outler, best crock, 16 to 17; butter, store lots, 13 to 20; butter, best crock, 16 to 17; butter, store lots, 13 to 15; butter creamery, retail, 19 to 22c; cheese, pound, wholesale, 74 to 8c.

Farm Produce—Hay, per ton, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straw, per lond, \$2.50 to \$3.00; straw, per lond, \$2.50 to \$3.00; straw, per lond, \$2.50 to \$6.00; honey, per pound, 9 to 12c.

Vegetables — Potatoes, per bag, 85 to \$1.00; cabbages, per doz., 50 to 60c; onions, per bag, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Poultry (dressed) — Fowls, pair, 65 to \$100; ducks, per pair, 70 to 85c.; turkeys, per lb., 11 to 12c; geess, each, 60 to 89c.

Meal—Fork per cwt., \$5.00 to \$5.25; beef, forequarters, \$4.50 to \$5.00; teef, hindquarters, \$5.50 to \$5.00; to \$6.00; beef, hindquarters, \$5.50 to \$6.50; beef, sides, \$4.25 to \$5.25; mutton, by carcass, \$5.00 to \$5.00; veal, by carcass, \$5.50 to \$7.00; lamb, by pound, 8 to \$6.00; to 9c. Seeds—Clover seed, red, \$3.25 to \$5.25; mutton, by carcass, \$5.00 to \$5.00; teef, hindty seed, per bushel, \$1,25 to \$1.75.

Live Stock—Live hogs, 3.80 to \$3.00; stags, per lb., 2c to 24; sows, per lb., 2c; pigs, pair, \$3.00 to \$5.00; tak beeves, \$4.25 to \$4.75.

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per 10., 2c to 2; sows, per 10.. 2c; ngs, pair, \$3.00 to \$6.00; fat beeves, \$4.25 to \$4.75.

Toronto. Ont., March 9. — Flour is quiet and steady, with exporters straight rollers at \$3. in wood west, and dealers, \$8.10 to \$3.20. Bran firm at \$44 to \$14.50, in ton lots, and shorts, \$16 to \$17 in ton lots. Wheat quiet and featureless, with offerings light; red winter is quosed at 69/c, and white at 70/c, north and west, goose, 70 to 71c, low freights; No. 1 Manitoba nard nominal, at 71 to 71/c. Fort Whiliam, at 78 to 73c, Midland and Owen Sound, and \$2 to 82c. Toronto freights: Oats are unchanged, white seiling at 31 to 31/c, north and west, and at 32c, Midland. Peas are firm, at 69/c, west, and 67/c, on Midland. Peas are firm, at 50c, to 52c, west outside, corn stady, at 63c, west for Canada, and at 41 to 42c on track here for new American. Barley unchanged, No. 1 being quoted at 46 to 47c, west, and \$3.70 in bbls. on track.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 9.—The grain market Montreal, March 9.—The grain market is quiet, but values are firm. Oats are ver strong, and 34c, is being offered in store, whil 31¢c, is being asked, high freights west. Pea are quoted at 72c, in store, or 6c, west; but wheat is quoted at 55c, in store. Four quiet and steady. Quotations in store are: Winter wheat patents, \$3.70 to \$4; straightfollers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; straight rollers, is high \$1.65 to \$1.70; Manitota patents, \$4 to \$4.25 strong bakers, \$3.80 to \$3.90, Demand meal is dull; prices are \$3.65 to \$3.75, as quality, for oatmeal in wood, and \$1.75 to \$1, in bags; cornmeal is quoted at \$1.05 st. in bags; cornmeal is \$1.05 for round lots; and jobbing lots at 15 more. Ontario winter wheat bran, \$15.50 st. in bags; cornmeal \$17.50; provender, \$17 to \$15; cornmeal, \$17.50 st. on \$1.50 st.

Latest Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, March 9.—Shipping cattle was selling well to-day at from 41 to 5c. per lb. In several cases a little more was paid for selected

ots.

Butchers' cattle sold well to-day; choice stuff eached easily from 4 to 4ic, per pound; in fact

pound; iight bulls are worth from 3½ to 3½c, per pound,
Milch cows are selling at from \$22 to \$45 each, and for anything very choice \$50 will be paid
The supply of lambs was small, and choice lambs fit to export were scarce. Too many culls are coming in. The best grades of lambs were a little better to-day, and sold at from 4½ to 4½c, per pound.
Shipping sheep are worth from 3c, to 3½c, per pound.

Bucks are unchanged at from 2½ to 2½c, per pound.
We had no change in hogs to day, and prices are fairly steady.

EAST BUFFALO.

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East Buffalo, N. Y., March 9.— Cattle—
The offerings were six loads of Canada
stockers for the Monday market; the feeling
on good butcher grades was steady. Calves
were in fair demand on a little stronger basis of
prices choice to extra were quotable at \$6.50 to
\$6.75; good to choice, \$50 x 85.09. Sheep and lambs—
The offerings were moderate—21 loads; the
market was in fair position, with sales about
the same as yesterday; choice to extra lambs,
\$5.15 to \$5.20; good to choice, \$5 to \$5.10; common to fair, \$4.90 to \$5; sheep, choice to
extra, \$4.40 to \$4.60; good to choice, \$5.10 \$5.10;
common to fair, \$2.75 to \$3.25. Hogs—The
market opened rather slow, with a total of 23
loads on sale; heavy were quotable at \$3.90;
medium, \$3.90 to \$3.35; Yorkers, \$3.90 to \$3.50;
pigs, \$3.80 to \$3.95; roughs, \$3.30 to \$3.50; stags\$2.75 to \$3; on the close Yorkers were quotable
\$3.90.

One secret act of self-denial, one sacrifice of inclination to duty, is worth all the mere good thoughts, warm feelings, passionate prayers, in which idle people indulge themselves.—N. wman,



CEALED TENDERS, marked "For Mounted Police Provisions and Light Supplies, Yukon Territory," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to noon on Wednesday, 5th April

April. Printed forms of tender containing full inforration as to the articles and quantities required, may be had on application to Superintendent A. B. Perry, N. W. Mounted Police, Vancouver, B. C. or at the office of the undersigned.

No tender will be received unless made on such printed forms.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted.
Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian bank cheque or draft for an amount equal to five per cent of the total value of the articles tendered for, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if the fails to complete the service contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned. turned.

No payment will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority

inserting this advertisement without authority having been first obtained. . FRED. WHITE, Compuroller, N. W. M. Police Ottawa, 21st February, 1899.

C: M. B. A.—Branch No. 4, London, Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, at 8 o'clock, at their hall, Albion Block, Richmond Street. James F. Murray, President; P. F. Boyle, Secretary

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The Catholic Record.

London, Saturday, March 18, 1899. CATHOLICITY IN FRANCE.

The Buffalo Union and Times has in an editorial on the death of President | solutely Faure a few words which should not statesm pass unchallenged. It says that "It He ran is well enough for French women to the Ale go to church, but for men they have not ent no time for such nonsense. Three or of fam four times is enough for them-viz., "open when they are baptized, make their first communion, are married, and to give when they are brought there dead." British Such statements are food for the course

anti Catholic press. Would the fact that some Americans do not go to church justify us in placing all American Catholics in the same category? We know that some Frenchmen have thrown aside all religion, but we know also that many Parisians even are as loyal and devoted to the Church as any Catholic in Buffalo. Masonry has banished God officially-but the heart of France is as Catholic now as when she gained the title of Eldest Daughter of the Church. She heads the list of contributors to the Propagation of the Faith,

very forefront of the army of civiliza-We deplore even as our esteemed contemporary the evils that tarnish the fair fame of that country, but we should like to estimate its Catholicity by some thing better than by those who have proved recreant to the faith of their forefathers.

A VERY DEAR FRIEND.

One of our dearest friends is an old illimi man grey haired, but with heart as young as in the golden olden days of his boyhood. And when we are tired and worried, heart-sore with buffeting and struggling, we seek him out, and his very presence tones us up and serves to make us braver and stronger. He has seen much, but he is a very child in simplicity: he has suffered No. much, but there is not a trace of whis cynicism in his nature. A kind thought whit fulness bred of charity is his, and withal a terse, direct way of speaking that bespeaks the man. He has one thing which he cherishes as his dearest possession. It is an old violin picked up during his travels, marked with Barr many a quaint devise and tracing and bearing here and there inscriptions on its sheeny surface. And how the old man handles it! He fondles it in his arms as if it were a thing of life. He tells trib us that it speaks to him of many things and brings up before him visions of the long ago and awakens sleep ing memories. And we believe that, for gon

we heard it speak to him. We watched him as the hand moved | the over the strings. His face was afire and with enthusiasm-and the music welled up from the old violin-music of t that at times wrung the heart for its It i sadness and at others seemed as if be every note were bathed in sunlight of and burdened with peace and happiness. Sometimes its voice spoke with a sharp yearning and then died away crooning, it seemed to us. The old man seemed to sleep. Then he put it in the case and sat silent for a few moments. We were about to thank him for the pleasure he had given us when he said: "We are like old violins. There is a wealth of music locked up in us-music that could set this world dancing with joy. But we keep it shut up within us. There are hundreds who want to hear it. The music is before us and we leave its harmony untouched. God's fingers sweep over our soul strings and we give no sound, because they are limp and rotten with cowardice or selfishness or pride."

Lord Charles Beresford has come and gone, leaving behind him some desultory utterances on the Alliance question. It was strange that he should come on such a mission, but the Beresfords have been doing brainless things for many a long day. He was accorded a very gracious welcome by the people of Chicago. He was interviewed and dined and wined. He was so extolled as a great soldier and statesman that decent citizens closed their ears against the flood of fulsome flattery and mendacity. Our cousins may be very democratic, but they te-

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